

Border Eagle

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin

Officer assignment survey on Internet

The Air Force Personnel Center commander wants to know how effective the Air Force Assignments System has been serving its purpose for the field.

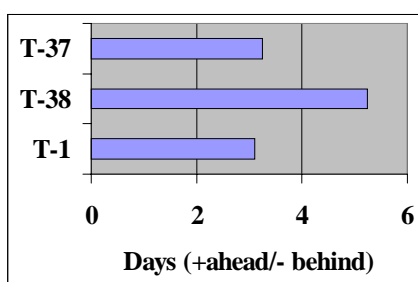
Air Force officers will be able to express their opinion by filling out the AFAS Survey via the Internet from Dec. 1 through Jan. 15, 2000. The three-part survey, which is comprised of about 40 questions, will be available to active duty officers and commanders or civilian supervisors and is accessible from home or office.

The survey can be found at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil by clicking Air Force Assignments System. According to Center officials, survey results will be used at the AFAS review in February.

Mission status

(As of Dec. 1)

Student Timeline



Sorties flown in FY 00:
11,280

Hours flown in FY 00:
17,049.1

Pilot wings earned in FY 00:
51

Pilot wings earned since 1963:
11,400

Life support section helps pilots survive

By Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff
Public affairs

Another helmet inspection – pull the hose, face form and microphone, wash the mask, check the nap chord and visor, run a communications check.

Monotony is part of the daily routine for members of 47th Operations Support Squadron Life Support section. “It’s a daily grind,” said Tech. Sgt. Scott Schmidt, NCOIC of life support. “We complete more than 200 equipment inspections a day.”

Laughlin life support specialists issue equipment to students and instruct them on proper fitting. They also give refresher training to instructor pilots on the use and care of equipment, ejection and egress – how to get out of downed aircraft – and local area survival.

“We issue and maintain the life survival equipment — helmet, mask, g-suit (anti-gravity garment) and parachute — of every pilot here,” said Senior Airman Maria Hitchcock, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron. “That is a lot of equipment considering we’re at a training base with one of the busiest airfields in the Air Force.”

“Parachutes are probably the most important piece of equipment depending on the scenario,” said Schmidt. “Nothing else matters if you’re shooting down to earth at more than 100 mph.”

During the six-week technical school for life support at Sheppard AFB, Texas, students learn the basics of equipment such as helmets, parachute kits, life rafts, life preservers and anti-exposure suits.

Hitchcock longs for the real-world experiences of a life support journeyman that is lacking at a training base. She would like to perform more of the tasks

she learned at technical school. She and others got some of that real-world experience last summer when many of the people in their office went to survival training.

“Survival school is necessary to get a 7-level or if a person is going overseas,” said Hitchcock.

Though most of the training must remain confidential, she described it as an event she’ll never forget. “It was 18 days of surviving off the land, on your own and with other people,” she explained. “We learned how not to get captured and keep your sanity and honor if you do. I never want to do it again, but it was rewarding. It gave me a perspective of what POWs in Vietnam went through. Man, it was moving,” she said as she wiped away tears.

Life support makes sure aircrews are familiar with all equipment; technicians also must endure water survival training and instructor school to give



Photo by Zenaphir Bond

Hitchcock test fits a mask to Senior Airman Ray Rosa, 47th Aeromedical Squadron.

them near real-life experience and ensure they relay it to aircrew and pilots.

See ‘Survival’ page 7

Organizations join, give base HUGS

Help Us Grow Stronger, formerly the Integrated Delivery Support System, is a subcommittee of the Community Action Information Board.

HUGS members are from the chapel, family members support flight, health and wellness, family advocacy, life skills and the family support center. These professionals work together to provide coordinated preventive services to the base community. Their aim is to raise awareness of issues, which affect military families and the community.

HUGS acts as the central informa-

tion point for programs aimed at addressing family life issues, community concerns, financial concerns, legal assistance and physical, mental and spiritual wellness.

The role of the subcommittee is to eliminate duplication, overlap the existing prevention services through the consolidation of existing committees with similar charters and fill in any existing gaps.

If you would like to know more information about the role of HUGS or activities it provides, please contact Tom Berny at 5620.



t h e inside scoop

Commander corner...

Major Mark Koch, 47th Security Forces Squadron says everyone’s help is needed in force protection.

Page 2

Drunken driving...

December is National Drunk Drugged Driving Month, statistics and safety tips offered.

Page 4

Angel Tree...

Base kicks off yearly Angel Tree program to benefit children under Hungry Kids International.

Page 14

Commander Force protection – one team, one fight

o
r
n
e
r

**Maj.
Mark P. Koch**
47th Security
Forces Squadron
commander



Over 300 Department of Defense affiliated personnel have been killed by terrorist and criminal acts over the past 20 years. An additional 600 DoD personnel have been injured in the same time period.

Terrorism is an indiscriminate crime that comes in varying forms of threats and violence and is used primarily to attain political goals of one form or another. Terrorists generate fear through acts of violence, intimidation and coercion. Terrorism is frightening and the results are horrifying. As past events, such as the bombings of the Trade Center in Oklahoma City and the U.S. embassy in Kenya, have shown, terrorists have reached new levels of sophistication, organization and violence. Terrorists attack targets that are vulnerable have a high psychological impact on society, produce significant publicity and demonstrate a government's inability to provide security.

Military personnel and facilities have become increasingly appealing targets. You and your families are an important part of the Laughlin community. As a member of this community, you are a most valuable yet most vulnerable resource. The infamous international terrorist, Usama Bin Ladin, was quoted saying, "If someone can kill an American soldier, it is better than wasting his energy on other matters."

In early April the installation underwent an Air Force Vulnerability Assessment by the Air Force Security Forces Center. The assessment was based on the actual and perceived threat in our local area. This as-

essment was designed to assist installation commanders in meeting their anti-terrorism/force protection responsibilities and to be used as a tool to identify vulnerabilities and options to reduce the potential impact of a terrorist attack should it occur.

The focus of the assessment was on the protection of DoD personnel and their families. Within the United States the terrorist threat level, as determined by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, historically has been low. There is no indication that this trend will change in the future.

The Office of Special Investigations here has also determined the threat within the Del Rio/Laughlin area to be low.

During the week-long visit, the Vulnerability Assessment Team looked at such things as procedures, structure/infrastructure and physical security. As a wing, we did quite well and impressed the assessment team with our procedures and physical security.

However, there is always room for improvement and senior leadership is well focused on those areas.

"Putting force protection up front as a major consideration along with other mission objectives around the world will require a fundamental change in the mind-set with which we plan and carry out operations," said William Perry, former secretary of defense. "The answer is that we will require tradeoffs in other areas, such as cost, convenience, and quality of life. This is a tough answer for our men and women in uniform who will live in less comfortable surroundings and spend more time avoiding and defending against terrorism."

Gen. Walter Kross, former U.S. Transportation Command commander in chief and Air Mobility Command commander went one step further by saying, "Force protection should never be a reaction to crisis,

but a way of life. It must be an integral part of our culture."

A successful force protection program is based on three pillars – commander responsibility, institutionalized mindset, and individual responsibility. It is in the third pillar, individual responsibility, that we ask everyone living and working in our community to be a part of the force protection team.

We all play a vital role in protecting the lives and resources at Laughlin. During this transitional time of drawdowns and cutbacks, the 47th Security Forces Squadron has fewer and fewer resources available to be everywhere all the time. With the additional eyes and

ears of the base community, we can make our installation a safer and more secure place to live and work.

At the same time, take care of yourself. You can do that by following three simple principles. First, keep a low profile when traveling in or through countries or areas where terrorist incidents occur. Second, be unpredictable by changing your routes of travel or routines

such as how you get to work in the morning. Third, remain vigilant to your surroundings. If something doesn't look or feel right, it probably isn't. There is a lot to be said for a "gut feeling."

When in doubt, contact the 47 SFS law enforcement desk at 298-5100 or if you have a bona fide emergency, dial 911. Military members can contact their unit force protection monitor and get a refresher on our current THREATCON Alpha procedures. If you are a spouse or family member, talk to your military sponsor and discuss your responsibilities under THREATCON Alpha and what to expect if the threat condition increases.

Staying alert and aware of your surroundings at all times will enable you to thwart or avoid either a criminal or terrorist attack against you. Force protection – one team, one fight.

***Putting force protection up front
requires a fundamental change in
the mind-set with which we plan
and carry out operations***

William Perry
former secretary of defense

Actionline Call 298-5351

when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

Winfield W. Scott III

Col. Winfield W. Scott III

47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5638
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Equal Opportunity	298-5400
FWA hotline	298-4170

Call: I have a question regarding the guidelines on leaving children alone. I have the Air Force instruction but it is kind of confusing and contradicts itself. Thank you.

Response: The 47th Flying Training Wing, Family Advocacy Committee is responsible for intervening in the maltreatment of children. The committee has created a local supplement governing regulation (47 FTW Supplement 1, Jan. 31, 1997) per-

taining to the supervision of minors.

The following guidelines are contained in the regulation:

- Children **under the age of 5** may not be left unsupervised at any time.
- Children **between the ages of 5 and 9** may not be left unsupervised in base housing.
- Children **under the age of 10** may not be left unsupervised on base, at home, in an automobile or

any base facility.

- Children **between the ages of 10 and 13** may be left unsupervised for periods not to exceed eight hours during daylight hours.
- Children **under the age of 14** may not be left alone overnight.
- Babysitters on Laughlin should be **at least 12 years old** and overnight babysitters should be **at least 16 years old**.

Border Eagle

Col. Winfield W. Scott III
Commander

1st Lt. Angela O'Connell

Public affairs officer

Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Editor

Airman Brad Pettit

Staff writer

(Flag design: Staff Sgt. Marc Barnes,
7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas.)

Published every Friday, except the first week in January and the last week in December, by the Del Rio News Herald, a private firm in no way connected with the U. S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. This commercial enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the Border Eagle are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force. Photographs herein are official U.S. Air Force photos, unless otherwise indicated. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force or Del Rio Publishing Company of the products or services advertised. Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use, or patronage without regard to race, color or religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Public Affairs Office of the 47th Flying Training Wing.

Deadlines, Advertising

News for the Border Eagle should be submitted to the 47th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 338, Laughlin AFB, TX, Ext. 5262. **Copy deadline is close of business each Thursday the week prior to publication.** Advertising should be submitted to the Del Rio News-Herald, 2205 Bedell, Del Rio, TX, 774-4611. Advertising should be submitted by 4 p.m. each Friday. Submissions can be E-mailed to: michael.hammond@laughlin.af.mil or reginald.woodruff@laughlin.af.mil Visit Laughlin's website at <http://www.lau.aetc.af.mil/>

***"Excellence –
not our goal, but
our standard."***
– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of Oct. 26
(Fiscal Year)

	'00	Total '99
On-duty mishaps	0	5
Off-duty mishaps	1	12
Traffic mishaps	0	2
Sports & Rec mishaps	1	6
Fatalities	0	0

Construction of new base operations, control tower begins

By Daniel Gallegos

47th Civil Engineering Squadron

A groundbreaking ceremony here Wednesday marked the start of the new \$8 million base operations/control tower complex project.

The venture will combine base operations, radar approach control and control tower functions in one facility. It is the first project of this type in the United States. The new facility will be located on the site of the existing base operations facility, building 306, and construction is scheduled to be completed by April 2001.

The new facility is the result of extended coordination efforts among the Air Force, two corps of engineers districts and two separate design firms. Architects of Albuquerque, N.M. created the base operations design. The control tower design is a site adaptation of a project created by Cromwell Architects Engineers from Little Rock, Ark.

The-state-of-the-art facility will replace the base operations 1950s wood-framed structure and the metal clad 1960s tower. The design teams were challenged to generate plans for a facility that maximized operational func-

tions while meeting budget constraints and addressing energy efficiency, among other issues.

The building interior will house airfield operations management, flight planning, pilot briefing, one aircrew lounge, a distinguished visitor's lounge and map and chart storage.

The facility will also be home to weather and wing safety offices.

The Silver Wings snack bar will be relocated from the operations training Complex to the new facility and will be

upgraded to a full grill operation. It will be located on the second floor and will seat 80 people and provide a panoramic view of the flightline. The building exterior will match the concrete panel requirements established for Laughlin's campus area. The tower will include an elevator and the controller's area will be double its current size.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Lt. Col. Allen Poerner, 47th Civil Engineers Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Curtis Quimby, 47th Operation Support Squadron commander, Master Sgt. Daniel Cook, 47th Operations Group first sergeant and Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Fortin, 47 OSS, break ground for the new base operations complex.

Because the new facility will be located at the site of the existing base operations, the occupants had to be relocated without impacting current flight operations. This resulted in relocating base operations and weather to building 301. The work by members of the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron, 47th Communications Squadron, base operations and weather resulted in minimal

See 'Ground,' page 7

December used to emphasize danger of driving under influence of alcohol

By Maj Kerri Wyble

Health Promotion Flight commander

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Founded in 1991, the national 3D Pre-

vention Month coalition is devoted to preventing crashes by impaired drivers.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration considers crashes to be alcohol related if drivers or pedestrians involved had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.01 grams per deciliter or greater in a police-reported traffic accident. Drivers with a BAC of 0.10 g/dl or greater are considered to be intoxicated.

Traffic fatalities in alcohol-related crashes fell 1 percent from 1997 to 1998 and by 33 percent from 1988 to

1998. However, the 15,935 fatalities in alcohol-related crashes during 1998 represent more than 300 funerals a week; more than one jumbo jet crashing every week; the equivalent of a

bus crash killing all on board every day and a death every 3 minutes.

Alcohol involvement in fatal crashes is about four times higher at night and almost twice as likely to happen during weekends. The highest intoxication rates in fatal crashes in 1998 were drivers 21-24 years old (28 percent), 25-34 (24 percent) and 35-44 (21 percent).

All states and the District of Columbia now have 21-year-old minimum-age drinking laws. NHTSA estimates that in 1998, 861 lives were saved as a result

of these laws. Texas reported 3,577 traffic accident deaths in 1998, the most in the nation. Half of those killed had been drinking and 79 percent of the drinkers were at or above the 0.10 g/dl limit.

Nearly two-thirds of all drivers and passengers who have died on our nation's highways were not wearing seat belts. Seat belts are used by 70 percent nationwide. If 85 percent of drivers would buckle up, another 4,000 lives would be saved every year and 100,000 injuries could be prevented.

Remember these tips:

- Don't drink and drive.
- Plan ahead; designate a driver before you party.
- Take the keys; friends don't let friends drive drunk.
- Buckle up - a seat belt is your best defense against a drunk driver.

For more information, call the Health and Wellness Center at 298-6463, or the Life Skills Clinic at 298-6422.

Approval made for special duty assignment pay

The Air Force has received approval for a Special Duty Assignment Pay save pay exception to the Career Enlisted Flyer Incentive Pay program.

The save pay option, which begins Dec. 1 and lasts through February 2003, offsets any drop in overall special and incentive pay for airmen transitioning to CEFIP, until such time as CEFIP equals or exceeds the combined amount of special and incentive pay being received for flying duty.

The SDAP exception is in addition to the Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay save pay provision which is already in effect for those members eligible to receive CEFIP payments.

Under the SDAP exception to policy, all SDAP offset payments end after 36 months; CEFIP equals or exceeds the HDIP plus SDAP amount received; or reassignment of the

See 'Change' page 7

The *XLer*

Hometown: Westlake, Ohio.

Family: Wife, Terri; son, Lucas, 17 months; dog, Alex; cats, Sam and Missy.

Time at Laughlin: 1 year, 11 months.

Time in service: 7 years, 11 months.

Why did you join the Air Force family? I was fascinated with jet airplanes as a child and the Air Force was the most logical place to get to fly them.

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Allow restaurant chains to build restaurants in Del Rio.

Greatest accomplishment: Getting married and becoming a father.

Long-term goals? Make it to Heaven!

Hobbies: Football, volleyball, running, weightlifting, camping, mountain biking and playing with my son.

Favorite beverage: Sweet tea.

Bad habit: I get entirely too upset when my favorite sports teams lose.

Motto: Before every sortie, I tell my stu-



Photo by Zenaphir Bond

Capt. Jeffery Siwick

87th Flying Training Squadron

dents: "Don't scare Jeff, don't kill Jeff, don't get Jeff in trouble!"

If you could spend one hour with an historical figure, who would it be and why? Noah, to find out what it was like to be on the ark with those animals.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-Daily Mass 12:05 p.m.

-Saturday Mass 5 p.m.

-Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

-Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, or by appointment.

-Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.

-Sunday school 11 a.m.,
religious education building.

fellowship hall.

-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.,
religious education building.

-Awana, Wednesdays from 6 -
7:30 p.m.

(For more information on
AWANA, call Anthony or Nedjra
Russell at 298-7504).

Jewish

— Max Stool

219 West Strickland St.

Del Rio, Texas

Phone: 775-4519

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.



Where are they now?

Name: Capt. John Thayer.

Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 90-13, August 1990.

Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: F-15, Eglin AFB.

What do you like most about your current aircraft? Mental and physical challenges.

What do you dislike most about your current aircraft? Operations tempo.

Mission of your aircraft? Air Superiority.

What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly? Superior and subordinate relationships.

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? A mission in a T-37 when both engines flamed out. Both eventually restarted and we landed without a problem.

What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Use your time at work wisely.



Heating, cooling policy discussed

By Lt. Col. Al Poerner
47th Civil Engineers Squadron commander

“If you don’t like the Texas weather, just wait a minute and it will change!”

For the past few weeks, this expression couldn’t be more right. Lately, there has been a cycle of cool evenings and warm days, mixed in with a couple of cold days in the middle. So, when does it get too warm for the heater and too cold for the air conditioner?

When does the wing leadership direct the 47th Civil Engineers Squadron to turn off the air conditioners and turn on the heat?

With the weather fluctuating several degrees either way, it creates a dilemma. From historical data, this will continue for the next 15 to 20 days.

This is not a new dilemma for Laughlin, or any other Air Force installation. There is no standard date that mechanical systems are converted, there is only policy and common sense.

The heating and cooling policy has two criteria:

- Deactivate air conditioning systems when the extended weather forecast shows no temperatures above 80 degrees.

- Activate heating systems

when the extended weather forecast shows three or more consecutive days with low temperatures below 50 degrees and no temperatures above 75 degrees.

Fortunately, all of this is not written in concrete; it is strictly an Air Force reference point to judge when to make the switch. Wing leadership can direct a switch to be made at any time. However, a second factor must be considered and that is that it takes two to three days to convert a building’s mechanical system from cooling to heating. This is because the mechanical systems in most base buildings use the same water lines and storage bins for cooling and heating. These systems do not have the capability to have both ready at the flip of a switch.

During the cooling season, chillers and condensers are used to cool the vast amounts of water in a system. Chilled water is then run through the lines to a blower where air is passed over the lines, cooling the air.

When it’s time for heating, that same chilled water has to be run through the building’s boiler instead of its chillers. Once water is heated to the proper temperature, it is run through the lines in the same manner described earlier.

Due to the amount of water and need to slowly convert, it can take several days to switch over mechanical ventilation systems. Add that to the constantly changing weather in Texas, where it may get cold for a day or two and then warm up again.

If the system was adjusted every time the weather changed, CES wouldn’t be doing anything else but changing it over.

Now the hard part of this article! What is one to do when it gets cold and the heat isn’t on.

All I can advise is to dress appropriately.

Using individual electric space heaters is not advisable nor permissible. Besides being an enormous energy waster, space heaters are a fire hazard. Each year, heaters that are too close to flammable materials cause many fires. It’s just not worth the risk.

Temperatures in southwest Texas at this time of year are pretty nice compared to the heat of this past summer.

Unfortunately, this article won’t help anyone stay warmer when the cold weather does arrive, but people will know why their fingers are cold.

‘Ground,’ from page 3

down time of utilities and a seamless impact on flight operations.

The Fort Worth Corps of Engineers District is managing the project. Gary Osborne, resident corps manager, will supervise all work by the contractor, M. W. Builders from Temple, Texas. The Laughlin design project manager was Daniel Gallegos of 47 CES. The Laughlin construction project manager/liaison is Raul G. Padilla, resource advisor of 47 CES.

The new Base Operations/Control Tower, in appearance and function, will take Laughlin from the 1950s into the new millennium.

‘Change,’ from page 3

member from the duty assignment; whichever occurs first.

Beginning Jan. 31, no new members eligible for CEFIP will be authorized SDAP and existing SDAP will be paid at the appropriate offset rate.

CEFIP is a long fought for benefit, which recognizes the professionalism, and unique skills of our career enlisted aviators, according to Lt. Col. Susan Cooley, chief, compensations and entitlements, headquarters Air Force. CEFIP provides an incentive to attract and retain individuals in aviation specialties.

CEFIP was approved for nearly 8,000 career enlisted flyers, as designated by the secretary of the Air Force. They are now eligible to receive continuous flying incentive pay as long as they meet the prescribed operational flying gate requirements. CEFIP is payable to those enlisted aircrew members at a rate ranging from \$150 to \$400, based on their total years of aviation service.

For more on this subject, try the Air Force Link search engine.

(See artist’s rendition of new base opearation’s facility on page 24.)

‘Survival’ from page 1

Life support makes sure aircrews are familiar with all equipment. They go over fitting procedures for parachutes and survival vests, and also the location of survival components in the vests.

The job can seem unappreciated at times and can make some question the importance of

the work they do.

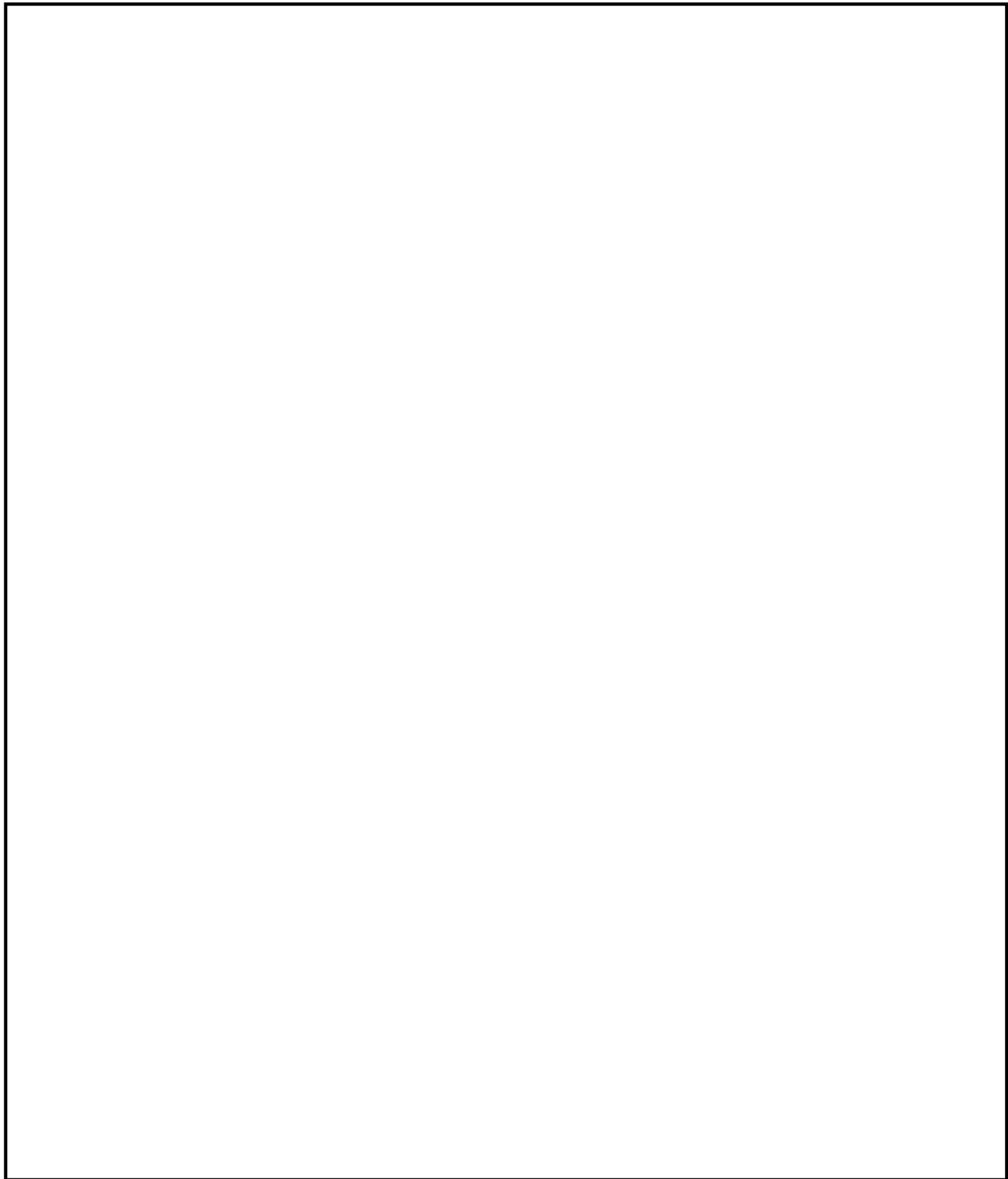
Hitchcock was reassured of the value of her job while on temporary duty in Saudi Arabia. “I met Capt. Brian Udell, an F-15 pilot who ejected out of his aircraft at 3,000 feet during a fighter-training mission over the Atlantic Ocean traveling at more than 780 mph,” she said. “Many factors contributed to Udell’s

surviving the ejection and his four-hour wait for rescue in the cold waters of the Atlantic. I stood a little taller when he told me he could not have made it without his life support gear.”

“I remind my people to work on the equipment as if you’re going to use it,” said Schmidt. “Yeah, it’s fulfilling when someone says thanks after

a successful ejection, but I’d rather our equipment was never used. I’ve dealt with the grind for 16 years without having gear used in a real-world ejection — that’s fine with me.”

Pull the hose, face form and microphone, wash the mask, check the nape chord and visor, run a communications check... thanks for the monotony.



From the Blotter

(47th Security Forces Squadron)



Nov. 25 – The law enforcement desk and ambulance services received a call reporting an active-duty member had dislocated his shoulder while playing football. The individual was taken to the Val Verde Medical Center for treatment.

Nov. 25 – A son of an active-duty member was bitten when he attempted to pet a neighbor's dog. He received minor injuries and did not need medical assistance.

Nov. 26 – A retired service member approached the main gate and told the gate guard he was having a heart attack. Ambulance services responded and took the individual to the Val Verde Medical Center for treatment.

Nov. 27 – Security forces patrols and the fire department hazardous materials response team were dispatched twice to the friendship pool after the chlorine alarm went off. The

maintenance personnel were contacted to fix the alarm.

Nov. 27 – An active-duty member reported getting obscene phone calls at his home. He told security forces this was a repeated occurrence and members of his flight received similar calls. An investigation is pending.

Notes – As holiday parties begin base personnel should be aware some drivers may be intoxicated. When driving this holiday season, be aware of vehicles weaving, straddling the center line, going 10 miles under the speed limit, or braking erratically. Stay behind them or choose a different route home. Report suspected drunk drivers to the nearest law enforcement agency. The 47th Security Forces Squadron wishes all of you a safe and happy holiday season!

EMERGENCY CALL 911, NON-EMERGENCY CALL 5100

47th Medical Group

High cholestoral

By Capt Karrar Husain
47th Medical Operation Squadron

High cholesterol or hyperlipidemia is a condition effecting millions of Americans. It is one of the primary risk factors in the development of heart disease and strokes. Heart disease is the leading killer of men and women in the United States.

All adults should have their cholesterol checked at least once every five years or more frequently if other risk factors exist. Results of cholesterol checks usually include the total cholesterol, high density lipoprotein (good cholesterol), and low density lipoprotein, (bad cholesterol) levels. It is important to know each. To ensure an accurate test result, a fasting (nothing to eat or drink except water for 10 hours) blood draw should be used.

Treatment of high cholesterol varies with age, other risk factors, and the levels of total cholesterol, HDL and LDL cholesterol. Diet, exercise and cholesterol lowering drugs are the main treatment options. Numerous studies have shown lowering your choleterol level by 1 percent decreases the risk of a heart attack by 2 percent. Studies show that moderate, regular exercise can increase your HDL cholesterol and decrease your LDL cholesterol.

For more information on cholesterol screening, call the Family Care Clinic at 298-6362, or the Health and Wellness Center at 298-6464.

Question of the week

What is your favorite holiday movie to watch?



A Christmas Story. I love the part, “You’ll shoot your eye out, kid.”

2nd Lt. Angelo Ford
47th Operations Support Squadron



The Ten Commandments. It really shows the law of the land. I’m a believer, and this movie is a constant reminder of what I celebrate during the holidays.

Staff Sgt. Meelondrell Shabazz
47th Contracting Squadron



Planes, Trains and Automobiles. It’s just so funny. I just laugh and feel good.

Lois Yeackle
47th Flying Training Wing



Halloween. It makes the perfect treat and still gives you the chills during the holidays.

Airman Kenneth Angeles
47th Mission Support Squadron

**Border Eagle deadline ...
is Thursday, the week prior to
date of publication.**

Laughlin December promotees

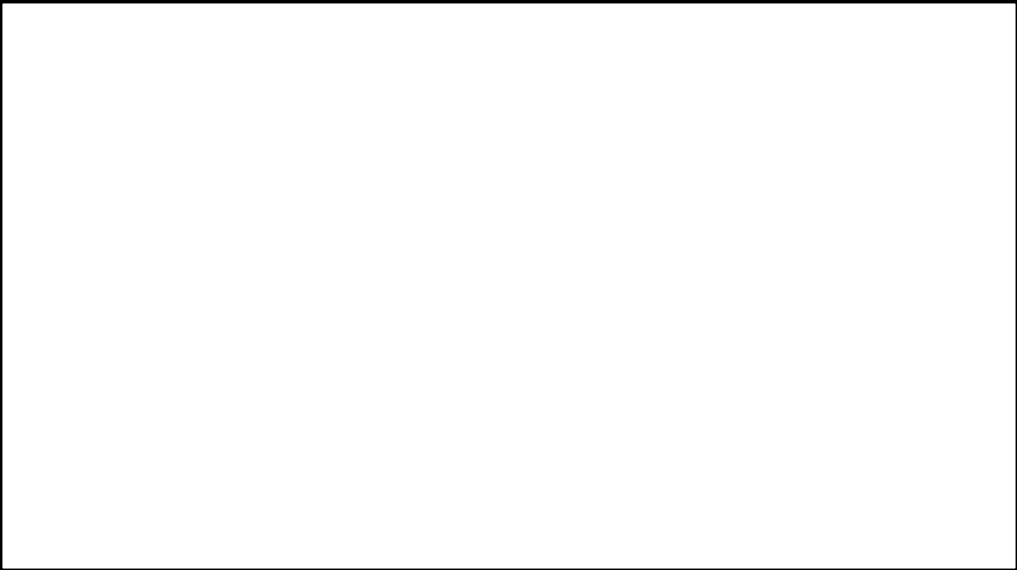
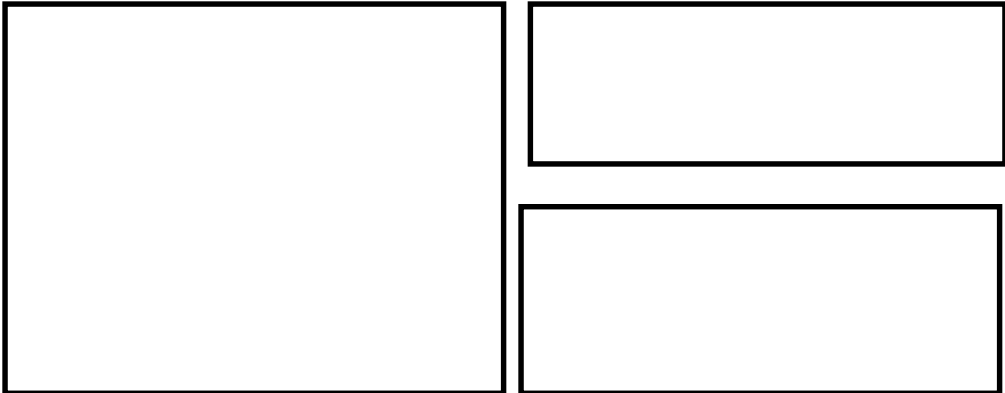
<u>Lieutenant colonel:</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Effective date</u>
William T. Davidson	87th Flying Training Squadron	Dec. 1
<u>Captain:</u>		
Eric W. Vontrotha	84 FTS	Dec. 26
<u>First lieutenant :</u>		
Jonathan Frampton	47th Operations Support Squadron	Dec. 5
Joseph D. Rucker	87 FTS	Dec. 5
Keith M.Wolak	87 FTS	Dec. 5
<u>Master sergeant:</u>		
Sean G. Hayes	47th Medical Support Squadron	Dec. 1
<u>Technical sergeant:</u>		
Jeffery H.Howard	47th Comptroller Flight	Dec.1
GuadalupeVasquez	87 FTS	Dec. 1
<u>Staff sergeant:</u>		
Bunje V. Adams	47th Security Forces Squadron	Dec. 1
Paul R. Smith	47 SFS	Dec. 1
Richard E. Smith	47 OSS	Dec. 1
<u>Senior airman:</u>		
Leah A. Barrios	47th Civil Engineer Squadron	Dec. 18
(below the zone)		
Paul D. Doyle	47th Communication Squadron	Dec. 21
(BTZ)		
Bruce A. Markman	47th Contraction Squadron	Dec. 30
George A. Yesian, Jr.	47 OSS	Dec. 11
<u>Airman first class:</u>		
Margaret C. Hepp	47 Aeromedical Dental Squadron	Dec. 5
Jason Menningen	47 ADS	Dec. 5
<u>Airman:</u>		
Wesley C. Vinson	47 OSS	Dec. 2



Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Turkey or ham?

Col. Len Jarman, 47th Flying Training Wing vice commander, (left) and Col. Skip Scott, 47 FTW, commander, load a plate with Thanksgiving favorites at the Chaparral, dinning facility, on Thanksgiving day. Scott and Jarman were joined by group and squadron commanders, spouses, chiefs, first sergeants and other leaders on base to serve meals to dormitory residents and families.



TMO explains rules for performing do-it-yourself move

By Ed Jones

Traffic management office

The do-it-yourself move program allows members to move their own household goods and collect an incentive payment from the government when they have orders for permanent change of station, temporary duty, separation, retirement or assignment to or from government quarters. The DITY program is available to all military members and the next of kin of a deceased member. Some recent changes to the DITY program are:

- ♦ Effective June 1, DITY moves of less than 500 pounds now are calculated on actual weight moved. Previous policy allowed a 500-pound minimum payment, regardless of weight (below 500 pounds).
- ♦ Restrictions on vehicles that can be used permits the use of sedans or coupes.
- ♦ No incentives are paid for moving recreational vehicles (and boats) between government quarters.
- ♦ Mileage between points of travel is determined through the use of the “Defense Table of Official Distances. The use of DTOD standardizes mileage used by TMOs throughout the United States.
- ♦ Local policy for use of the DD Form

1701 (Inventory of Household Goods) is as follows: when moving between government quarters at Laughlin the DD Form 1701 may be used when approved by the Traffic Manager prior to the move. The form will only be used for items purchased since the member’s arrival at Laughlin. The weight of member’s inbound-PCS shipment will be the prime source of a “constructive weight.”

Members choosing to perform a DITY move must notify the TMO of their intent. Officials will brief the member on entitlements, proper procedures to follow and provide necessary documents. Active-duty, retired or separated members may obtain an advance operating allowance not to exceed 60 percent of the estimated personal property government bill of lading constructive cost. Additionally, members must provide separate weight tickets for each segment of DITY

move. For example, if a member performs a PCS, TDY enroute DITY then gross weight tickets between Laughlin and TDY location and PCS station must be turned in. If the type of vehicle used to perform the move changes, tare weight tickets also must be obtained.

Members planning to use a trailer for a DITY move should check their vehicle insurance policy to see that they are properly covered in case of loss or damage. Some insurance companies do not extend coverage when towing trailers behind a privately owned vehicle. The government does not reimburse this cost. If the member directs property to be shipped to the projected PCS location and he or she does not complete training or go to the projected PCS base, the member risks paying the cost to relocate property. These two instances are special circumstances and do not apply to everyone. All other members are reminded to report to TMO immediately after receiv-

ing orders to arrange their move.

The 47th Transportation Division is operated. Under contract by Eagle Aviation Services and Technology Inc., it is managed locally by Thomas Loose. EAST has contract responsibility for civil engineering operations, base supply, fuels and transportation. The following list will help you in directing calls concerning transportation or TMO issues:

- ♦ Capt. Anthony Holmes, chief of transportation at 5857.
- ♦ Eloy Salazar, quality assurance evaluator at 4696.
- ♦ Ed Jones, traffic manager at 5178
- ♦ Jay P Gonzales, personal property supervisor at 5178.
- ♦ Toni Smith, freight supervisor at 5171.
- ♦ Edna Flores, nontemporary storage at 5206.
- ♦ Mary Martinez, inbound personal property at 5389.
- ♦ Robalyn Silver, outbound booking at 5388.
- ♦ Deborah Jenkins, quality assurance at 5189.
- ♦ Tom Lake or Kevin Dixon packaging and crating at 5131.
- ♦ Jose Vasquez, inbound freight at 5171.

Members planning to use a trailer for a DITY move should check their vehicle insurance policy to see that they are properly covered in case of loss or damage.

Angel tree program offers gifts to children



Photo by Zenaphir Bond

Lt. Col. John Roberts, 87th Flying Training Squadron, takes an angel from the Christmas tree located in the operations training complex.

By 1st Lt.
Angela O'Connell
Public affairs officer

Fifteen hundred angels arrived at Laughlin Friday and they are all looking for a good home. They can be picked up at the Operations Training Complex, Chapel or Base Exchange and require very little maintenance.

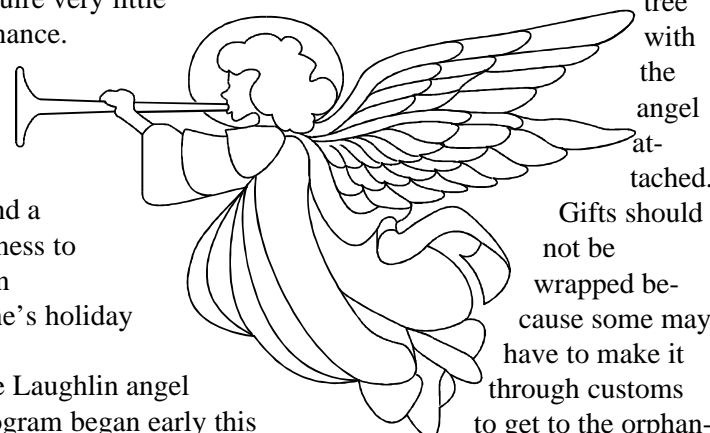
All you need is a big heart and a willingness to brighten someone's holiday season.

The Laughlin angel tree program began early this month with volunteers from many agencies cutting out angels to be placed on the trees and will continue until Dec. 16. These angels each list a gift that is needed by a child affiliated with Child Protective Services of Del Rio, Laughlin AFB families, or Hungry Kids, Intl which is an umbrella organization for five orphanages in Mexico.

"This is a way to have a merrier Christmas," said Lt. Col. James Hough, 47th Flying

Training wing chaplain. "It will warm your heart. We want to divide it out with in the three (organizations). The goal is to fill all 1500 requests for items."

To participate, simply take an angel from a tree at either location, buy the gift written on the angel and take it back to the



ages in Mexico.

The program was very successful last year in bringing cheer to hundreds of children in the local area.

"This is a good deed that requires minimum effort and you will receive maximum yield for your time spent," said Hough. "Just take a moment if you see an angel in the course of your routine and help make the holidays special for not only you, but also a young child."

Rank of Chief celebrates 40th anniversary

By Chief Master Sgt.
James B. Morton
6th Medical Group

Dec. 1 marks the 40th anniversary of the first person promoted to the grade of chief master sergeant.

The mere mention of the title "chief" brings to mind visions of wisdom, strength, bravery, commitment and honor. But the grade of chief master sergeant actually has a humble history.

Originally recommended by the Cordiner Committee (formally known as the Defense Advisory Committee on Professional and Technical Compensation) in 1957, the creation of the "supergrades," E-8 and E-9, was driven primarily by grim enlisted retention figures over the previous 10 years.

In 1949, more than 80 percent of our first-term airmen left the service after their first tour. With the Soviet Union's launch of "Sputnik" sending waves of panic through our government, and military leaders reporting to Congress that U.S.-based strategic bombers could not get off the ground in response to a missile attack due to the lack of skilled maintenance personnel, Congress took heed.

In early 1956, Congress commissioned then-General Electric president, Ralph J. Cordiner, to review the rea-

See 'Chief' page 15

Reserve pilots honor A&M students

Pilots from Air Force Reserve Command’s 301st Fighter Wing flew a missing-man formation Nov. 26 over Kyle Field in College Station, Texas, before the start of the Texas A&M - University of Texas football game.

The fly-over followed an invocation and a period of silence and honored the 11 students and one A&M graduate killed during the construction of the annual Texas A&M bonfire.

Four Texas A&M graduates flew the mission in F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft from the wing’s 457th Fighter Squadron. Maj. Jeffrey S. Smiley, class of 1980, led the formation, which

included Maj. Bruce R. Cox, class of 1986; Capt. David B. Efferson, class of 1990; and Capt. Christopher F. Yancy, class of 1988.

The missing man formation is traditionally reserved for military aviators killed in the line of duty.

“In essence it is the most sacred thing we airmen have to give,” said Col. Thomas A. Dyches, 301st FW commander. “The men and women of the Air Force Reserve Command want Fighting Texas Aggies the world over to know that our hearts and prayers are with you.”

The Reserve unit flew the formation to honor the students’

service to the Texas A&M community, a university that has had traditionally strong ties to the U.S. military.

One of four Reserve F-16 wings, the 301st FW is located at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Carswell Field. It has been flying the F-16s since 1991.

In recent years the wing has, on four separate occasions, conducted combat contingency operations over Bosnia, northern Iraq and southern Iraq.

The wing will deploy again this summer as part of the Air Force’s Aerospace Expeditionary Force 8.

(Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

U.S., Spanish pilots train in Zaragoza

By Tech. Sgt. Bill Lincicome
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

U.S. and Spanish fighters are together again, just months after taking part in Operation Allied Force as part of the NATO-led coalition that repelled Yugoslov forces from Kosovo.

Five F-16s and about 50 U.S. airmen, primarily from the 510th Fighter Squadron at Aviano Air Base, Italy, arrived in northern Spain Nov. 12 to participate in Iberian Claw — a two-week training exercise with Spanish EF-18s from Zaragoza Air Base.

Zaragoza had a large U.S. Air Force presence until 1994. Today, the base is home to the Spanish air force’s 15th Group, parent organization to the EF-18 unit currently stationed at Aviano.

The deployment is giving both units an opportunity to experience nighttime training, according to Lt. Col. Bob Broderick, 510th FS deployed commander.

“That’s why the Spanish invited us to come here and train with them, as well as to practice our air-to-air, air-to-ground and forward air control capabilities,” Broderick said.

The Buzzards and their Spanish colleagues plan to exchange crews during the deployment.

“Some of their guys have F-16 experience, so we thought it would be good to give our guys some EF-18 time as well,” said Broderick. “I think it’ll give us a better understanding of each other’s capabilities.”

(Courtesy AFPN)

‘Chief’ from page 14

sons for poor retention. The Cordiner Committee found that sophisticated weapon systems were causing more and more time to be spent in training, rather than in actual work within an airman’s specialty.

Additionally, the committee reported that most airmen could expect much higher pay in comparable civilian positions. They reported a significant pay inversion between supervisory and subordinate personnel, and finally, found severe promotion stagnation at the grade of E-7.

In response to the committee’s recommendations, President Eisenhower signed Public Law 85-422, establishing the two new highest enlisted grades for all services and a new compensation system aimed to reduce turnover.

An extremely important underlying reason for the creation of chief master sergeant was to show young men and women serving their first term that there was significant prestige in becoming a senior noncommissioned officer in terms of both pay and position. Air Force leaders also saw this as an opportunity to slowly do away with warrant officer ranks.

The Air Force initially selected 2,000 personnel for promotion to senior master sergeant, with actual dates of rank being Sept. 1, 1958, and March 1, 1959. Of those initial 2,000 senior master sergeant selects, 1,700 were later selected for promotion to chief master sergeant, with 620 being promoted on Dec.1, 1959. The remaining promotions were withheld until June of 1960 due to budgetary limitations.

Some will say that many of the same situations that prompted creation of chief master sergeant exist today: pay disparity between supervisory and subordinate personnel, alarming retention rates, perceptions of better pay in the civilian community.

Regardless, over the past 40 years the Air Force has made tremendous strides in highlighting the prestige associated with becoming a senior NCO and ultimately, a “chief.” The creation of the senior enlisted advisor (now command chief master sergeant) and the chief master sergeant of the Air Force positions demonstrated the leadership commitment to recognizing contributions and value of the enlisted.

Charter Chiefs reflect on first E-9 promotion list

By Senior Airman Robert Zoellner
55th Wing Public Affairs

Forty years ago Dec. 1, 620 people became the first in Air Force history to obtain the rank of chief master sergeant.

Recently three of those original chiefs, collectively know as the Charter Chiefs, re-united at Offutt AFB, Neb. to commemorate their achievement. Each chief had his own promotion story to tell.

“When they took the stage to tell their war stories their eyes lit right up,” said Chief Master Sgt. Paul H. Lemke, 55th Communications Squadron support flight superintendent. “It was like they were back in 1959, as they traded barbs and jabs

among themselves and passed along praise and advice to the audience. Their wit, charm and sincerity carried the evening.”

Retired Chief Master Sgt. James Flaschenriem was an Army Air Corps corporal converted over to the Air Force at that time.

“I thought that when I made corporal I had hit the peak. I never expected to even make it a career, much less go up the ranks,” he said. “It was a different promotion than what it is today,” recalled the youngest chief ever selected. “I was 31 years old; I had 11 years and five months time in service.

“If it weren’t for the Air Force I would have probably ended up pumping gas at the corner filling station,” Flaschenriem said. “The service was for me — I kind of just fit in,” he said.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. William Whitney was also in the first group of chiefs selected. “It was quite an honor to be one of the first people to make chief,” he said.

Whitney was in the 3rd Air Division at Andersen AFB, Guam, when he received an inside tip he was being promoted. “I had the list before my boss ever had it,” he said.

The chief’s boss had taken him to division headquarters to have his commander surprise him with the promotion. But it was to his boss’s surprise when Whitney reached into his pocket, pulled out a cigar and gave it to the general at the promotion announcement.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Theodore Brewer, a B-17 gunner over Germany, never thought he would be a chief. “We didn’t know whether we were gonna see the next day or not,” he said.

“I was with the 2nd Air Force inspector general team at Laughlin AFB, Texas, on (temporary duty),” Brewer recalled. “The list came out while I was there. That evening, the base

commander came over and got all my uniforms and took them to the parachute shop and had all my stripes sewn on. The next morning I walked out with stripes.”

With their new stripes on, the chiefs didn’t notice much change at first.

“We were just another sergeant,” Flaschenriem said. “We weren’t addressed as chiefs. At that time, there were still warrant officers on duty and they were referred to as chief.”

“When we first made chief, they didn’t know what to do with us,” Brewer said.

Even though it took a few years for the new chief position to have any real effect on the Air Force, it left lasting impressions on the Charter Chiefs.

“I think my retirement ceremony is the most memorable to me,” Brewer said. “That was one of the few times that I had tears come to my eyes. When they played the Air Force song it got to me.”

“Our Charter Chiefs are the standard bearers,” Lemke said. “They weren’t following in anyone’s foot steps when they got promoted to senior and chief, they had to figure it out on their own. No one had defined the chief’s role in our Air Force. They defined it for us.

They carved out a place and a unique role for the chief.

“So when I look back at all the chiefs who have had an impact on me and my career, I’m actually looking back to Charter Chiefs — the guys who took it upon themselves to make something special out of the super grades, something much more than just another senior NCO.

“The charter chiefs were all so impressed with today’s chiefs,” Lemke said. “They kept saying we were so professional, so sharp and so educated.

They’re proud of the current chiefs because we’re their legacy. They’re proud of what we’ve become and what we do for their Air Force.”

New arrivals

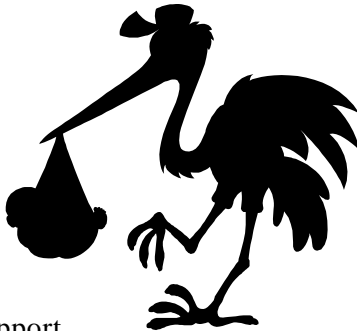
Recent additions to Laughlin families are:

Braden D. Westby – boy, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born Nov. 18 to 2nd Lt. Eric and Calley Westby, 84th Flying Training Squadron.

Esteban L. Arrendondo – boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born Nov. 4 to Staff Sgt. Rene and Tracy Arredondo. Esteban has two brothers, Jose and Michael.

Ryan Todd Bender – boy, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born Oct. 30 to Capt. Jeffry and Jeanie Bender, 86th FTS.

Tyler James Stanley – boy, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born Oct. 27 to Senior Airman Jason Stanley, 47th Operations Support Squadron and Airman 1st Class Melissa Stanley, 47th Medical Support Squadron.





Title shot

Tech. Sgt. Rick Roberts, (left), a supply liaison from the 374th Operations Support Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan, exchanges punches with Tadashi Yuba, (right), during a title match at Korakuen Hall, Tokyo. Roberts successfully defended his Japan Boxing Lightweight title with a draw decision. He defended the title for the 19th time, tying the lightweight division record set between 1950 and 1955.

Photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Be a sport! Support your squadron by participating in intramural sports.

Air Force athletes get opportunity to show ability in Olympics

A World Class Athlete Program designed to give qualified Air Force active-duty athletes an avenue for attaining Olympic recognition was announced by Air Force Services Agency March 22.

Athletes will be selected based on their current status within their sport and must be endorsed by the national governing body of that sport, according to Lt. Col. John Hess, Services project officer.

Only athletes pursuing Olympic-style sports will be considered for this prestigious program, he said. The application process will begin with the AF Form 303, Request for USAF Specialized Sports Training, and must be submitted through appropriate channels. Successful candidates will be placed in a special duty assignment for a specified period of time — generally a two-year period preceding the Olympic games — that emphasizes “training first.” At the end of that period, athletes will be returned to their operational career fields.

WCAP shows America the Air Force recognizes the achievements and commitment of its highly talented airmen athletes and reinforces services’ commitment to “doing good things for people,” Hess said.

Each base is to receive detailed information on the program.

(Courtesy AFNS)



Intramural flag football standings

AFC	W	L	NFC	W	L
CES I	2	0	87th	2	0
87th II	2	0	OSS	2	0
86th	1	0	85th	2	0
SFS	1	1	LSI	1	0
OSS II	0	1	MSS	0	3
CON/SVS	0	2	CES II	1	2
47 MED	0	2	LCSAM	0	3

Bowling standings

(as of Dec. 1.)

Teams	W	L
OSS	63	21
Services	51	33
47 MED	43	40
47 SFS	41	43
CES	44	40
Boeing	41	43
47 FTW	36	48
CDC	37	47
47 MSS	36	48
47 COMM	27	57

Falcons lose to Lobos, 33–28, to finish winning season

By David Kellogg

U.S. Air Force Academy sports information director

The Air Force ended its football season with a 6-5 overall mark following a 33-28 loss to the University of New Mexico Nov. 27 before a crowd of 21,013 at the University Stadium in Albuquerque.

The last time the Falcons ended the season at 6-5 was in 1996. It marked the sixth consecutive season the Falcons finished with a winning record.

Even so, it fell far short of the team's goals for 1999. In fact, the Falcons achieved only one of its three pre-season goals — capturing its 13th Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

The other two — winning the Mountain West Conference title and going to a bowl game — were dashed by finishing with a 2-5 league record and losing the last two regular season conference games.

The New Mexico game started with a bang and ended with a whimper. The Falcons scored on their first three possessions to take a 21-7 halftime lead thanks to two touchdowns by quarterback Mike Thiessen on runs of one and 18 yards. He also connected a 34-yard pass play to wide receiver Matt Farmer — his first touchdown reception of the season.

The tide turned in the third quarter. The Lobos scored 26 unanswered points to take a 33-21 lead. In fact, the Lobos racked up 190 total yards in the third quarter and ran 24 plays compared to Air Force's 24 to-

tal yards and just seven offensive plays. New Mexico ended with 441 yards in total offense to the Falcons' 423. The Lobos also beat the Air Force in possession time, with 36 minutes.

In spite of their finish, the Falcons season was filled with several significant highlights:

The Air Force won its 13th Commander-in-Chief's Trophy this season and the 11th under coach Fisher DeBerry. The Falcons defeated Navy, 19-14, and Army, 28-0, in Falcon Stadium. The Falcons have dominated the series, winning 13 trophy titles compared to six for Army and five for Navy. AFA has a 37-19-0 record since 1972, while Army is 23-31-1 and Navy is 22-32-1.

The USAFA senior class is the fourth winningest class in USAFA history. The seniors posted a 34-14 record during their careers. The 1985 USAFA senior class is the winningest in USAFA history with a 38-12 record.

Air Force blocked eight kicks this season, including two punts attempted by New Mexico. The Falcons blocked a kick in each of the first two games, then went without a block until the Brigham Young game. USAFA blocked two punts vs. the Cougars to mark the 10th consecutive year the team has blocked at least three kicks in a season.

The Falcons added a blocked field goal and punt vs. Colorado State. Corey Nelson made both blocks to give

him a team-best 3.5 blocks this season. He is the active career leader with 4.5 blocks for his career. His 3.5 blocks this year are the third most in school history and the most since Tim Curry blocked four last season. USAFA has 59 blocks in the 1990s. The Falcons entered the season ranked second nationally to Virginia Tech, which has blocked 64.

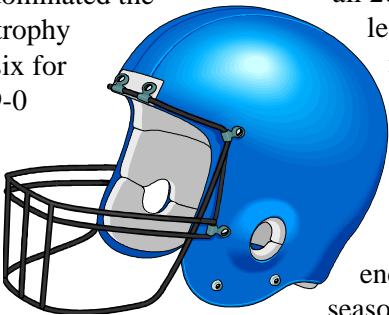
This season is Air Force's 44th season of varsity football. The Falcons have posted a winning record in 27 seasons. Overall the Falcons' record stands at 261-218-13.

Kicker Jackson Whiting finished 1999 with a perfect season. Whiting hit all 12 field goal attempts and all 26 extra points to tie for the conference lead in both categories. Whiting is the career field goal percentage leader at the Academy. Whiting has hit 19 of 23 for his career, which is a .826 percentage. He is third in career PAT percentage with a .987 mark.

Air Force captured its 16th conference rushing title. The team finished the season with a 285.5 per-game rushing average. The Falcons won 15 titles while a member of the Western Athletic Conference, including last season with a 266.8 per-game average.

Air Force has posted a 28-10 record over the last three seasons (1997-99) to lead teams in the Mountain West and rank eighth nationally in wins.

The Falcons are 24-11 in their last 34 regular season road games. The Academy team is 17-8 in its last 25 conference road games. USAFA, 3-3 on the road this season, has won 12 of its last 17 games on the road dating back to 1997.



Players' picks for NFL week 13

Each correct pick of weekly matchups earns a player one point, accumulating weekly. The top three players from the second half of the season will compete against the top three from the first half to determine the overall champion at the end of the playoffs. This weeks matchups are (home teams in bold): PIT – **JAX**, IND – **MIA**, TEN – **BAL**, NYJ – **NYG**, WAS – **DET**, G.B. – **CHI**, N.O. – **ATL**, S.F. – **CIN**, STL – **CAR**, PHI – **ARI**, K.C. – **DEN**, CLE – **S.D.**, SEA – **OAK**, DAL – **N.E.**, MIN – **T.B.**

<i>Les</i> <u>McCracken</u>	<i>Mike</i> <u>McNeil</u>	<i>Johnny</i> <u>Rincon</u>	<i>Dave</i> <u>LeRoy</u>	<i>Charlie</i> <u>Rodriquez</u>	<i>Ryan</i> <u>Anderson</u>	<i>Amanda</i> <u>Stewart</u>	<i>Danny</i> <u>Gutierrez</u>
JAX	JAX	JAX	PIT	JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX
MIA	IND	MIA	MIA	MIA	IND	MIA	MIA
TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	BAL
NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ
DET	WAS	DET	DET	DET	DET	WAS	DET
G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	CHI	G.B.
ATL	N.O.	ATL	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	ATL
CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN
STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL
ARI	ARI	ARI	PHI	ARI	PHI	ARI	ARI
K.C.	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	K.C.	K.C.	DEN
S.D.	S.D.	S.D.	CLE	CLE	CLE	S.D.	S.D.
SEA	SEA	OAK	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	OAK
DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL
MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.

Week 12 results
Johnny Rincon – 43

Mike McNeil – 39
(week 12 winner, 12 pts.)

Ryan Anderson – 37

Charlie Rodriguez – 35

Amanda Stewart – 35

Les McCracken – 34

Danny Gutierrez – 33

Dave LeRoy – 33



Youth center relocates

The Youth Center is being relocated to the Fiesta Center until renovations on the current facility are complete.

Furniture and equipment are being moved to the Fiesta Center today and Saturday; volunteers are needed to help both days. Starting times are 9 a.m. today and 10 a.m. Saturday.

Everyone wanting to help, should contact Senior Master Sgt. David Bratton at 4176.

Tree lighting

The wing tree lighting ceremony will be 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

Census Bureau job fair

The Laughlin Family Support Center is holding a mini-Job Fair for the US Bureau of the Census on Dec. 8, 1999 in the FSC Classroom (Bldg. 246). There will be two two-hour sessions beginning at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Space is limited, so sign up today by calling 298-5620. The FSC Employment Resource Center has informational handouts and you may stop by and pick one up.

Thrift store

The Thrift Store will be open from 9 a.m. until noon Dec. 11. Donations and consignments will be accepted; all proceeds go to the Officer Spouse Club charitable and scholastic fund.

Also the for the holiday season, the Thrift Store has a Santa suit for rent; the cost is \$15. If interested, call 3234.

OSC social

The Officer Spouse Club will have a holiday social 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Club XL. The Del Rio High School Choir is scheduled to perform.

Everyone planning to attend whose last name starts with a letter A-L should RSVP to Teresa Reneau at 298-1206. People with names starting M-Z should RSVP to Stacey Lilley at 768-3690.

First aid course

The American Red Cross is offering a CPR course. Start time is 8:30 a.m. Dec. 9-11 at Val Verde Nurses Home, 2116 Avenue F. The cost is \$30.

It is an all-in-one course that teaches how to help adults, children and infants in a medical emergency. The course also meets child care licensing requirements. Attendees who pass written quizzes and skills checks will receive CPR and first-aid certification cards.



New facility

An architectural drawing shows what Laughlin's new base operations and control tower complex will look like upon completion in 2001. The \$8 million state-of-the-art facility will house airfield operations management,

flight planning, pilot briefing, an aircrew lounge, a distinguished visitor's lounge and room for maps and charts. The ground breaking for the facility was held Wednesday (see story on page 3).

Call the ARC at 775-8626 to sign up.

Housing notes

The Military Family Housing staff asks that housing residents notify the housing office 30-45 days prior to departing the base. This allows the staff to better serve incoming personnel. Permanent change of station orders are not needed at time of notification.

Reserve and Air National Guard members residing in housing whose original orders have expired should provide MFH with a copy of amendments to extend active duty service.

Housing applicants who are renting or leasing a residence in Del Rio while awaiting housing should keep MFH informed of current duty and home phone numbers and lease length.

For more information, call 5732 or 5733.

Holiday dinner

The Laughlin Top Three will be hosting the second annual enlisted singles holiday dinner from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Chapel annex. Single enlisted members are encouraged to come enjoy the food and social interaction company.

For more details, call Master Sgt. Irene Sampsell at 4393.

Courtesy van

Due to limited services available at the base medical clinic, beneficiaries are often referred to San Antonio for more specialized treatment. Anyone referred to San Antonio can ride to and from an appointment in a courtesy van provided by the Transportation Squadron.

For a ride, call the Tricare Flight at 298-6301.

Card contest

Base groups, squadron and flights are invited to participate in the annual holiday card contest. The rules are as follows:

■ Pick up a white plywood board at the Pride Store. There are 15 available; first-come, first-served. These are available now.

■ Create a holiday scene or picture.

■ Turn it in to the Pride Store by noon Monday.

Civil Engineer Squadron personnel will mount the cards near the main gate for viewing. First, second and third place awards will be given out at the wing tree lighting ceremony.

Judges for the holiday card contest will be made known via "the grapevine." All judges are open to bribes, in the spirit of the season. So your unit can win an award even if you don't have a lot of artistic talent.

For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) James Bailey at 5111.

Grants

The Air Force Aid Society awarded more than \$7.5 million in education grants last year to 5,000 college students. No one in need of assistance should assume that he won't qualify for this \$1,500 grant. The AFAS has tailored the program to meet reasonable needs of Air Force families. Applications can be picked up at the Family Support Center.

For more information, call 5109.

Awards luncheon

The 47th Flying Training Wing quarterly awards luncheon will be Dec. 15 at Club XL. Tickets are now on sale, last day to purchase is Dec. 10.

All nominees and squadron commanders should RSVP to 5358. All others should contact their first sergeant.

Captain board

The calendar year 2000B captain central selection boards for line of the Air Force, medical service corps, biomedical science corps and nurse corps are tentatively scheduled to convene March 27, 2000, at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Tentative eligibility criteria:

■ Above-the-promotion zone – the date of rank for all categories is Dec. 31, 1998, or earlier with previous nonselection.

■ In-the-promotion zone – the date of rank for line of Air Force is Jan. 1-Dec. 31; medical service corps, nurse corps and biomedical science corps is Jan 1-June 30.

■ Extended active duty date of March 26, 2000, or earlier.

■ Date of separation, of June 25, 2000, or later.

For more information, call Mary Heinrich at 5246.